

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Commercial Use Authorization Activity-Specific Stipulations

Attachment XX –2015 Guided Alsek River Rafting Stipulations

Guided Alsek River Rafting Fees

The Permittee must pay a fee to the National Park Service as follows: The greater of \$500 annually or \$41.42/person (in U.S. Funds) adjusted annually based on CPI-All Urban Consumers (January 1, 2005 base CPI). Payment of the franchise fee is due on November 15 of each year.

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1. Definitions:

- a) **“Bear resistant container”** means a container which has been tested and approved in accordance with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Bear-Resistant Products Testing Program (Part 1 category)
2. The Permittee must comply with applicable Canadian requirements while in Canada, including but not limited to commercial river rafting permits, fishing licenses and customs clearances.
3. The following companies are allocated the indicated number of take-out dates during the June 12 to September 15 “control season” in accordance with the recommendations of Canadian Alsek and Tatshenshini River corridor management agencies: Wakpa Wilderness Adventures (2 take-outs), Canadian River Expeditions/Nahanni River Adventures (12 take-outs), Champagne & Aishihik First Nations (3 take-outs), The Explorers League (2), Rivers, Oceans and Mountains Adventures, Inc. (2), & Tatshenshini Expediting (2). Except as noted above, no other “control season” trips on the Alsek River are authorized.
4. Any trips not used for two consecutive years will be forfeited, except that the Superintendent may allow the Permittee to retain the trips if the Permittee relinquishes the trips at least six months in advance or can demonstrate that there was insufficient visitor demand to justify running the trip. Forfeiture of trips allocated to Canadian operators will be made in consultation with Canadian Alsek/Tatshenshini River management team.
5. The Permittee will be assigned arrival dates at Dry Bay for all authorized trips. Trips arriving at Dry Bay on any other date are prohibited. The National Park Service will notify the Permittee of assigned trip dates after consultation with Canadian land managers and Permittees.
6. A trip report, in the format shown on Exhibit A or as approved by the Service, will be submitted to the Dry Bay Ranger at the take-out, or mailed to the Park within 15 days after take-out.
7. Group size is limited to a maximum of 15 people, including clients, boatman and trainees. Permittee trips authorized prior to the July 1989 *Alsek River Visitor Use Management Plan* are allowed a maximum group size of 25 people, including clients, boatman and trainees (unless there has been a change in controlling interest, as noted below). The larger group size will be lost when there is a change in a controlling interest in the ownership of the Permittee, as defined in 36 CFR 51.84.

8. Groups will not remain longer than one night on each trip at Walker Glacier, Gateway Knob and Alsek Lake Peninsula/Spit except that on each trip a group may remain two nights at only one of these three sites listed above. At all other campsites, groups will not remain longer than three consecutive nights on each trip.
9. Boat motors may not be used above Gateway Knob.
10. Solid human waste must be disposed of outside of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve, except when hiking more than 1/2 mile from the Alsek River.
11. Open wood fires shall be contained in a fire-pan and all fire residue distributed in the main channel of the river.
12. Firewood is limited to driftwood collected at least one mile from the campsite.
13. All trash and garbage will be carried out of the park.
14. No materials, supplies, or equipment of any type will be cached or stored in the park or preserve without prior written approval by the Superintendent.
15. Permittee will coordinate with or participate in an effort among the various commercial rafting outfitters operating on the Tatshenshini and Alsek to test alternatives for food storage including, bear resistant food containers, an electric fence system and a food cache alarm system, in conjunction with the NPS and Canadian agencies. Permittee will report the test results to the NPS and implement any NPS approved system that results from this process.
16. The Permittee will not leave campsites unattended.
17. A satellite phone will be carried on all trips.
18. Dry suits will be offered to all clients for use on the river. Alternative types of thermal protection may be provided by the permittee (instead of dry suits) on approval by the Superintendent.
19. The Permittee will develop a comprehensive river guide manual, for NPS approval. The approved guide manual will be provided to all guides and will be the basis for guide performance standards.
20. The Permittee will ensure that all existing guides have at least swift water rescue, emergency trauma technician (or Wilderness Advanced First Aid), cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification (or equivalent) and that new guides have at least Wilderness First Responder certification. [Note: Requests for consideration of alternative equivalent training will be considered on application to the Superintendent.]
21. The Permittee will develop a master river map for guide use which will be updated throughout the season with current river information, local conditions, etc.
22. The Concessions will carry reference materials related to the Alsek Tatshenshini area for guide and client use on each trip. Topics should include natural history, geology, plants/wildflowers, wildlife, and annotated river map.
23. The Permittee will require a written trip leaders report for each trip (in addition to the trip report submitted to the NPS). As a minimum, the form will solicit comments regarding the pre-trip orientation, client expectations, trip equipment, logistics, staff performance, and trip conditions. Trip reports will be made available to the NPS on request. If desired by the Permittee, the trip leaders report may be combined with the standard trip report (see item 6, above) which is required to be submitted at the end of each trip.

Alsek/Tatshenshini River Trip Report

(December 2006 revision)

A copy of this form should be carried on each trip and filled out during the trip.
The completed form is to be turned in to the NPS at Dry Bay.

Trip Leader: _____

Company: _____

Total Group Size

Number of clients

Number of Employees (Guides, Asst. Guides, Trainees, etc.)

River Put-in: Tatshenshini: _____ Alsek: _____

Launch Location: _____

Launch Date: _____ Take-out Date: _____

Number and Type of Watercraft

Raft
Rigid Kayak

Cataraft
Rigid Canoe

Inflatable Kayak/Canoe
Other _____

List all Campsite Locations (Be specific. For non-traditional or infrequently used sites provide GPS coordinates, topographic map locations, river left or right, etc.)

Night 1 _____

Night 2 _____

Night 3 _____

Night 4 _____

Night 5 _____

Night 6 _____

Night 7 _____

Night 8 _____

Night 9 _____

Night 10 _____

Night 11 _____

Night 12 _____

How many different groups did you encounter? _____

How many of these were commercial (guided) trips _____; How many were private (unguided) _____

Were there any problems between groups? _____ If yes, describe in "Comments" section.

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